



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting
Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Agenda Item

Item 6. B. _ City of Carver Levee

Prepared By

Linda Loomis, Administrator

Summary

In October of 2020, the LMRWD Board of Managers adopted Resolution 20-10 Expressing Support for the City of Carver, Minnesota Levee Improvement Project. The City applied for a Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant from the State of Minnesota. The City grant application was approved for a grant of \$150,000. The grant requires the City to provide matching funds of \$150,000. The City of Carver has requested a portion of the funds the LMRWD agreed to contribute to the levee project be used to provide 50% of the match required by the Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant, i.e. \$75,000.

A letter from the City is attached, as is a copy of the LMRWD Resolution 20-10 approving participation in the project. The Board should authorize payment of the funds. Staff will work with the City to draft a cooperative agreement before any funds are released.

Attachments

LMRWD Resolution 20-10 Expressing Support for the City of Carver, Minnesota Levee Improvement Project
Letter from City of Carver requesting funds

Recommended Action

Motion to authorize payment of funds to City of Carver, subject to drafting and executing a cooperative agreement.

RESOLUTION 20-10

RESOLUTION OF THE LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS

Expressing Support for the City of Carver, Minnesota Levee Improvement Project

President Hartmann offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Manager Salvato:

WHEREAS, a portion of the City of Carver, Minnesota (City) lies within the boundaries of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD); and

WHEREAS, the City's downtown is protected by an earthen levee constructed following the 1965 flood of record; and

WHEREAS, the City has experienced repeated flooding (22 events in the past 10 years) and it is expected that flood events will continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the levee was removed from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Safety Program, and is currently non-accredited on the current Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood Insurance maps; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the City informed the LMRWD of its plans to bring the City's levee up to USACE and FEMA standards and has developed several studies to identify alternatives to protect historic structures in downtown Carver and asked the LMRWD for assistance to fund the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City estimates the cost to improve the Levee at \$11,180,000; and

WHEREAS, the City has agreed to amend its Local Water Management Plan, Capital Improvement Plan, Comprehensive Plan and other planning documents to reflect the Project and will prepare a no-rise study of the Project impacts; and

WHEREAS, the LMRWD Board of Managers (Board) has determined that the Levee Improvement Project (Project) benefits the District and is consistent with the goals and objectives articulated in the Board's Watershed Management Plan (WMP).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board intends to provide financial support to the Project in the amount of \$100,000 for the benefit of the Project; and

FURTHER, the Board supports efforts of the City to seek additional grants for the Project; and

FURTHER, the Board shall update its WMP and Capital Improvement Program to include the Project.

The question was on the adoption of the Resolution and there were 4 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
FREY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

HARTMANN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RABY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SALVATO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Upon vote, the President declared the Resolution adopted. Adopted by the Board of Managers of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District this 21st day of October, 2020.



 Jesse Hartmann, President


ATTEST:



 Lauren Salvato, Secretary

I, Lauren Salvato, Secretary of the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District, do hereby certify that I have compared the above Resolution with the original thereof as the same appears of record and on file with the District and find the same to be a true and correct transcript thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 21st day of October 2020.



 Lauren Salvato, Secretary



January 4, 2021

Linda Loomis
Administrator
Lower Minnesota River Watershed District

Via E-mail: naiadconsulting@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Loomis:

Early in 2020 the City of Carver submitted an application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for their Flood Hazard Mitigation Program. The application was connected to a concept plan to certify the City's flood levee. This past November, the City was notified that it received funding (via the State Bonding Bill) of \$150,000 to advance the levee project. The City of Carver is required to provide a matching funds contribution of \$150,000 for a total project scope of \$300,000. The grant funds will be used to conduct survey work, soil borings, and additional engineering work needed to move forward with the certified levee project.

This past October, the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers graciously agreed to provide \$100,000 in financial support to assist the City of Carver in its efforts to certify its flood levee system. With this in mind, the City of Carver respectfully requests \$75,000 from the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District to be used toward the required matching funds for the Flood Hazard Mitigation Program. The City of Carver will be contributing the balance (\$75,000) of the \$150,000 in matching funds needed to participate in the grant program.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (952) 448-8737.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brent Mareck

Brent Mareck
City Manager